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MR. FLOWDEN TO RETIRE.

A Martyr to Ill-Health.

Mr. A. C. Flowden, the Metropolitan Police Magistrate, has tendered his resignation. Mr. Flowden, who is staying at Hove, is suffering from acute neuritis, and his condition is causing some uneasiness.

Mr. Flowden's decision to resign his position at the Metropolitan Police Court will cause little surprise to his friends, for he has been struggling against illness for a very long time. Ever since a visit to Jamaica, shortly after leaving Oxford, he has been a persistent sufferer from headaches in one form or another, varied at intervals by sleep and agonizing attacks of facial neuralgia. Last year owing to severe illness, he had to relinquish his duties, and when he resumed them in March, after an absence of seven and a half months, he confessed that during that period "he had suffered enough to make him crave for as much sympathy as he could get."

Mr. Flowden is probably best known to the general public as the "judicial humorist," but his autobiography, published under the title of "Gleanings and Chaff," throws a different light on that reputation, and in that work he writes:

MY FATHER IN COURT.

"I think for two years after leaving Jamaica I had headache every day, and for years and years my first waking thought has been whether my head has been free from oppression or pain, and just in proportion as it was free or not so would I prepare myself for a bright and active day or one that was dull and depressing. As to neuritis, only those who have suffered know what torture it can be. Not infrequently I have sat through cases in the police-court quite wild with pain, and been astonished on taking up the paper the next day to see myself credited with vivacious remarks which have even been received with laughter. Reports of this kind always surprise me, and tempt me to say in passing that the liability which is constantly referred to as (laughter) (much laughter) (hours of laughter) is almost entirely mythical, and has little or no existence outside the lively imagination of the reporter."

"DOUBTLESS HALL."

"Doubtless Hall," according to Mr. Flowden, was no mere fancy of Dickens's brain, for he himself received his early education at a Yorkshire village where "the one was the vicar's most trusted ally in the sacred sense of education," and where it was thought wise "at regular intervals to dose the whole school with horrid cups of scum tea, something hot, something cold, but always nasty." It was originally intended that he should go in for the Indian Civil Service, but the idea was abandoned, and he took up the law, joining the Oxford Circuit. As the law reporter of "The Times" he had to attend every town on the circuit.

Mr. Flowden was first appointed a London police magistrate in 1884, and after sitting for a few years at Wandsworth and Hammer-smith he was transferred, at his own request, to Marylebone in 1893, and has remained there ever since. Mr. Flowden has never shared the belief that a police-court is an unwholesome place to spend much time in. On the contrary, he has confessed that he can but feel grateful for the fate that made him a magistrate, "grateful for duties which, far from being mean and depressing, as some people think, I find to be full of human interest, and yet happily not so exacting that they leave no leisure for other pursuits and for healthful recreation."

"Happy the magistrate," wrote Mr. Flowden, "who when the day comes to take off his armour, when the night cometh when no man can work, can rely on posterity to inscribe on his tombstone—"

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IMPERIAL GERMANY.

STRIKING ARTICLE BY LORD CROMER.

The Split That Makes For War.

Some months ago, it will be recalled, Prince von Bulow published a book called "Imperial Germany," which received a great deal of attention at the time as indicating the trend of German thought and action in regard to the general European situation. Among the many criticisms levelled at this work was one by Lord Cromer, in the Spectator, which is of particular interest in the light of recent events and which we reprint below. Lord Cromer wrote:

It is greatly to be hoped that Prince Bulow's book on "Imperial Germany" will be carefully studied in this country. It is a most characteristic and also a most important work. It is characteristic because it may confidently be asserted that no German official, or even a German patriot, could or would have published such a book. Prince Bulow is an ardent patriot and patriotism is necessarily exclusive and egotistical. But a French or English official, similarly situated, however deeply imbued with the idea that foreign policy should be dictated by the interests of his own country, would not improbably have endeavored to throw a more or less transparent veil of cosmopolitan sympathy over any extreme display of egotism. Prince Bulow has done nothing of the kind. In dealing with Italy we do, indeed, come across a faint trace of idealism. We are told that "although Italy has regarded her relations with Germany from a 'common-sense point of view,' such has not been at all the case with Germany." The latter Power has allowed herself to some extent to be guided by sentiment. But with this exception the blunt realistic truth is brought prominently forward without the least attempt at concealment. Prince Bulow is no believer in emotional diplomacy. He deprecates "exaggerated expressions of friendship." He is desirous to let all concerned know that Germany cannot "be trampled on with impunity," a fact of which the world has for a long time past been fully aware. But the reader rises from a perusal of Prince Bulow's pages without any strong conviction that, should the necessity arise, Germany would not readily trample on others. It is, at all events, abundantly clear that whenever any German interest is involved, no moral obstacles will be allowed to stand in the way of furthering German views by all the resources of a diplomacy which is not over-scrupulous, supported by prodigious force in the background. Thus the question whether during the Boer War it would or would not have been wise to take "the opportunity of dealing the recent opponent of our [German] international policy a shrewd blow," is easily dismissed. Prince Bulow must, of course, have thought that the proposal was well worthy of consideration; but it was rejected for various reasons, one of which was that at that time, the German could not hope to compete successfully with the British Navy. Had the decision been in an opposite sense, the morality of this proceeding would, without doubt, have been defended on the ground that in the chequered course of English history greater outrages on public morality had been committed, such, for instance, as Duke's alleged desecration of Frederick the Great in the eighteenth century and the destruction of the Danish fleet in 1801.

THE STATE IS FORCE.

The form in which Prince Bulow's views are presented is, therefore, somewhat calculated to give, on the minds of those who had hoped that a higher tone of public morality than that which previously prevailed was being gradually infused into international policy. His work is a valuable object lesson on the theme recently developed by Lord Morley that "the State is force." Germany is quite ready to be friends with other nations, provided that they do nothing to conflict with German interests, but she will not go out of her way to seek their amity. (Quoting from a recent issue of Prince Bulow's watchword.)

Far more important than the form is, however, the substance of what Prince Bulow has to say. "He may be deficient in international gentility, he is certainly not wanting in frankness. We have here a very lucid and, it cannot be doubted, a perfectly truthful account of present German aims and policy. To all foreign nations, and to none more than to England, this statement should be of the utmost value. It is of far greater value than any similar utterance believed by an English official. If an English statesman, free from the trammels of office, were to write a book of this sort, it would, indeed, attract much attention, but it would be regarded as an individual expression of opinion. We should think it not merely possible, but highly probable, that before long some other equally qualified authority would combat the views which he had expressed. In our unpolished English society there is room for a great variety of opinion—a point which Prince Bulow recognizes insufficiently, or he would not have attached such great importance to the somewhat hysterical utterances of a few English newspapers and minor politicians in the past on the perfectly ridiculous text of *Delenda est Germania*. For different is the case in Germany. It may confidently be asserted that Prince Bulow expresses the opinions of the vast majority of his countrymen, and that, should any occasion for action arise, they will move to the orders of his official successors in support of those opinions with the precision and regularity of a Prussian battalion on the parade ground.

GERMAN FOREIGN POLICY.

What, therefore, is the corner stone of German foreign policy? First and foremost it is based on a hardy belief in the alleged irreconcilability of France. Not only is Prince Bulow convinced that the policy of revenge survives in full vigour amongst Frenchmen, but he even contemplates the possibility of a return to such times as those of Louis XIV. and Napoleon I., when France indulged in wars of conquest. It is not only natural but perfectly justifiable that Germany should wish to guard against this danger, albeit Prince Bulow probably exaggerates its nature. All the evidence available points to the conclusion that the hold on French public opinion of the policy of revenge has been greatly loosened, and that the present generation of Frenchmen are eminently pacific. To overlook whatever danger exists would appear to arise, not so much from a renewed attempt to adopt a policy of adventure on the part of France, as from the possibility that in some of the minor diplomatic incidents, which must frequently occur in the relations between neighbouring States, the German aspect of the case may be pressed with a harshness calculated to sting to the quick a highly sensitive nation proud of its past and confident in its future. The band of German diplomacy is grievously heavy.

As regards England, Prince Bulow says: "The direction of English policy depends primarily on the way in which the distribution of power in Europe reacts on English naval supremacy." The fears caused by the rise of the German Navy drew England towards France. The Anglo-French Agreement of 1914 was, Prince Bulow thinks, conceived in



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their guides? From a mere academic point of view, it may be difficult to give a confident reply to this question. In the one case, there is a risk that a wave of popular passion may sweep away the scruples of a peace-loving Minister; as happened to Lord Aberdeen in 1854. In the other case, the peace of the world is made to rest on the very uncertain basis of the wishes and judgment of one or more highly placed individuals. It is, however, probable that those who, on the one hand, realize the very positive tendencies of the present British democracy, and who, on the other hand, have watched the vagaries of German militarism, as displayed, for instance, in the recent Zabern incident, would look to the former rather than to the latter system as an efficient antidote to ultra-warlike predilections.

IS WAR JUSTIFIABLE?

In the second place, it is worthy of special note that the attitude from which questions involving peace or war are generally regarded in the two countries is as the poles asunder. It is futile to examine the musty records of eighteenth and early nineteenth century diplomacy in order to make a forecast of the course which, in any given circumstances, England would now pursue. A vast change has since those times come over British public opinion. The immense majority of the English people hold, apart from any consideration based on the material advantages of peace, that war is wholly unjustifiable save as a last resort. In nearly every specific case of grievance occasioned by the act of a foreign Power, a wholly different view is apparently entertained in Germany. Not only is it a fact that an extreme school of German militarists maintains that even an unnecessary war is from time to time desirable to strengthen the virility of the nation, not only does militarism of one type or another reign supreme and is supported by a strong and learned body of civilian opinion, but also the principle is recognised that war can and ought to be made on some foreign Power, not by reason of any special cause of grievance which it may have occasioned, but to attain some object connected with internal policy. It is admitted, almost in so many words, by Prince Bulow that the Franco-German War was started by Prince Bismarck in order to secure the unification of Germany. The necessity, from the German point of view, need not in this case be challenged. The diplomacy may have been in the highest degree astute, but the fact in itself gives cause for reflection on the part of other Powers. Prince Bulow tells us that "there is absolutely no ground for the fear which the building of our Navy has aroused, that with the rise of German power at sea the German love of battle will be awakened." That this statement is made in all sincerity cannot for a moment be doubted. Nevertheless, with the experience of the past before us, we cannot feel any very strong assurance that the incidents of German internal policy will not again necessitate an attack on some foreign Power. Should that necessity arise, it cannot be doubted that an ardent diplomacy could and would manufacture occurrences tending to show the war was forced on the reluctant and peace-loving population of Germany.

Such being the state of affairs, the obvious duty of this country is, whilst sparing no efforts to maintain peace, to prepare for the eventuality of war. To reduce the British Navy, with Prince Bulow's ruthless but perfectly rational code of international morals staring us in the face, would be an act of madness. "Little-Navyites" might with great advantage read Prince Bulow's book.

VALUE OF PUBLIC OPINION.

In the first place, it is to be observed that the political conditions under which the two countries are governed differ very widely. In England public opinion is supreme. Its liability to change affords in itself an ample justification for Prince Bismarck's reluctance to conclude an English alliance. But there is one point on which the opinion of the modern English democracy is absolutely fixed. It desires above all things peace. No Minister, however powerful, and no press campaign, however skilfully conducted, would reverse the present electorate of the United Kingdom to an unprovoked attack on another nation. For different is the case in Germany. The German, Prince Bulow tells us, "has always accomplished his greatest works" under strong, steady, and firm guidance, and has seldom done well without such guidance. Which constitutes the greater danger to the peace of the world—the undisciplined nation which stubbornly refuses to be guided, or the disciplined people who yield implicit obedience to

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